



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Resolution # RC26104	Meeting Order: 4
Moved by: / .	Seconded by: -

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Durham District School Board has requested that a province-wide consultation process be undertaken prior to any governance changes or decisions that would result in the elimination of school board trustees; and

WHEREAS the potential elimination of elected school board trustees represents a significant and fundamental shift in Ontario's education governance structure; and

WHEREAS school board trustees serve as a longstanding and essential democratic link between local communities and the public education system, ensuring that community voices are reflected in decision-making processes; and

WHEREAS changes of this magnitude should not proceed without evidence-based research, transparency, and meaningful public engagement to fully understand potential impacts; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Wawa recognizes the importance of local representation in addressing the diverse and unique needs of communities, including rural, remote, and Northern municipalities; and

WHEREAS the removal of school board trustees may result in unintended consequences that could negatively impact community representation, accountability, and responsiveness within the education system; and

WHEREAS transparency regarding the rationale, objectives, and anticipated outcomes of any proposed governance changes is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring informed dialogue;



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports the request of the Durham District School Board for the Province of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process prior to making any decisions regarding changes to school board governance, including the potential elimination of trustees;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of Municipality of Wawa supports the call for an independent review by the Ombudsman's Office regarding the potential impacts of removing school board trustees, particularly with respect to fairness, openness, transparency, and accountability;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of Municipality of Wawa urges the Province of Ontario to ensure that any future governance model maintains strong local representation and reflects the diverse needs of communities across the province, including Northern and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, the Ontario Ombudsman, the Durham District School Board, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local Members of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

DEPUTY MAYOR - MITCH HATFIELD	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
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